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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 20040712

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In response to the Office Action mailed July 15, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-22 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-19 were rejected provisionally as claiming the same invention of claims 1-19 of US Serial No. 10/462,482. Claims 20-22 were provisionally rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obvious-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 9, 10, 13, 15, 16 and 19 of copending US Serial No. 10/462,482 in view of US Patent Nos. 6,395,193 and 3,615,565. Applicants have filed an Express Abandonment of Application (copy attached) in US Serial No. 10/462,482. The Express Abandonment is believed to overcome both rejections.

Please charge the fee for a one-month extension of time, and any other fees that may be due, to General Motors Deposit Account No. 07-0960.

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